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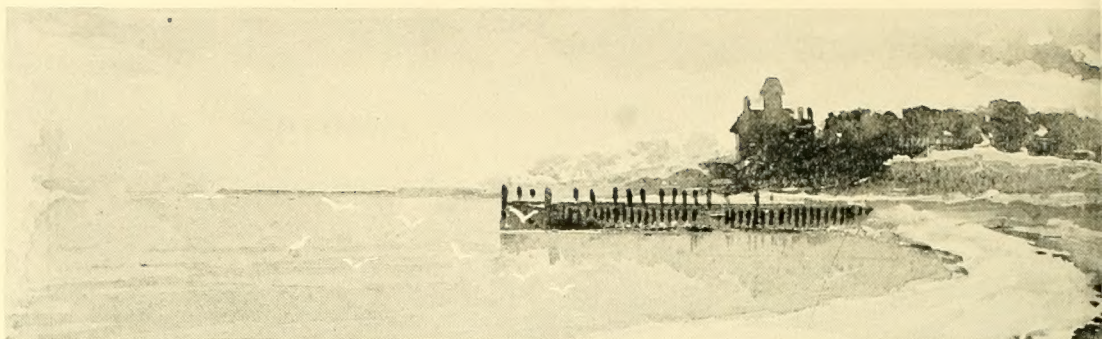
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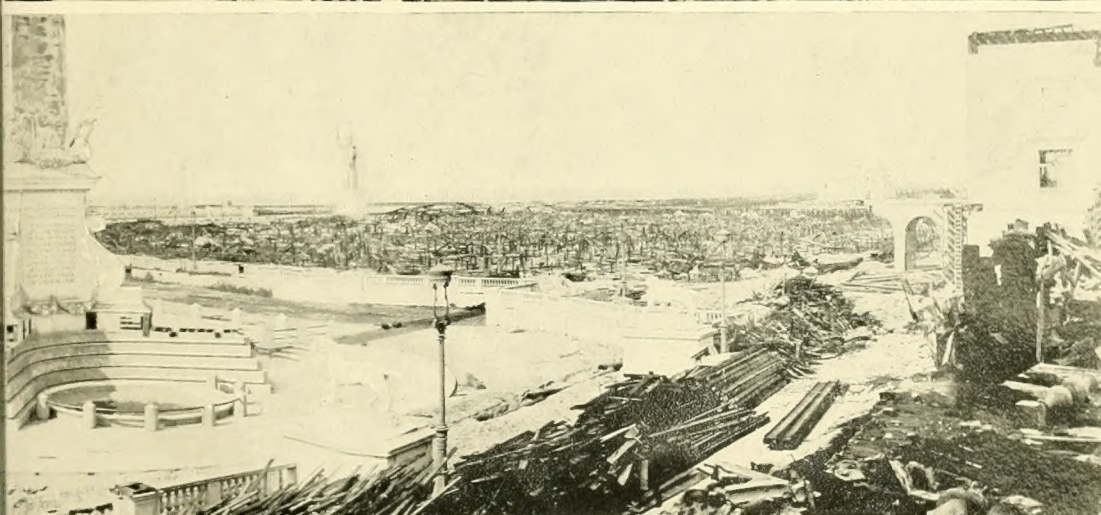
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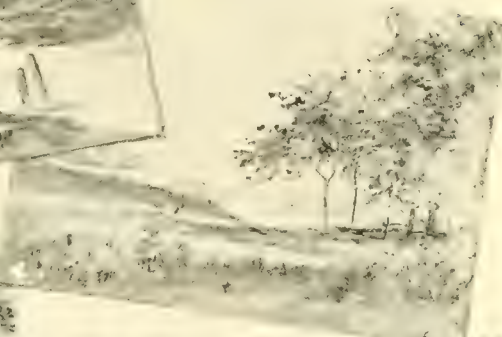
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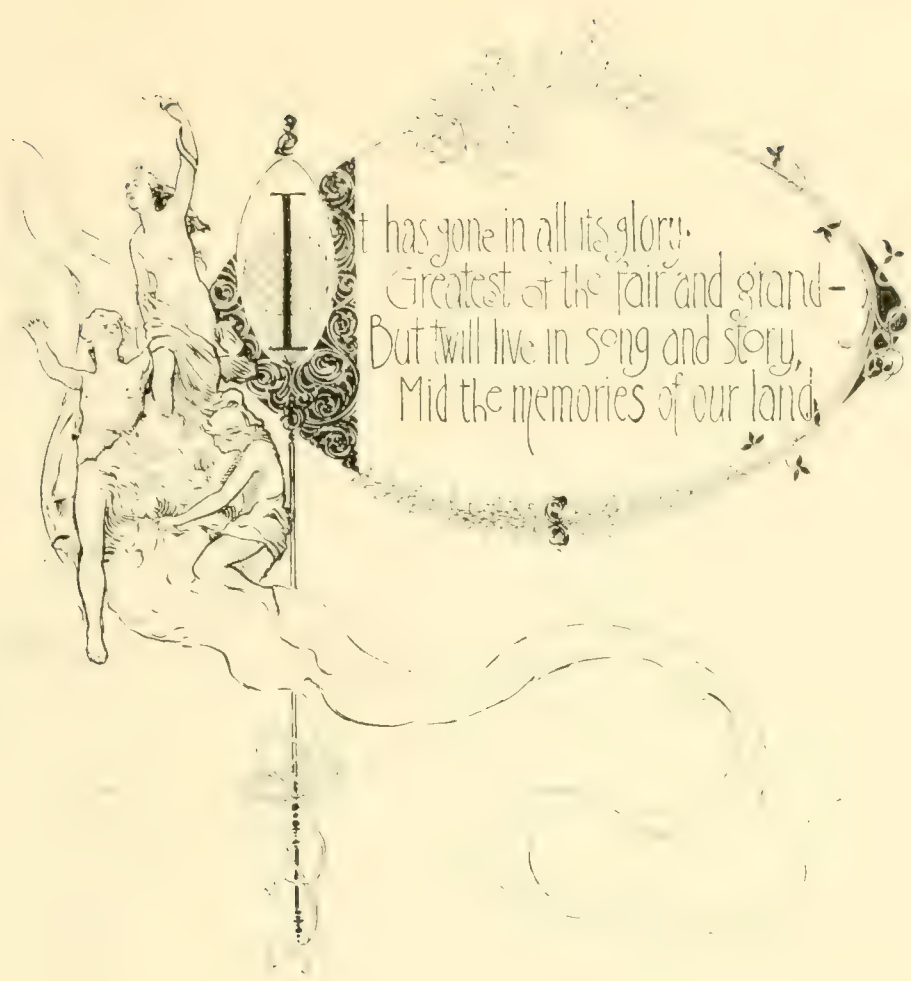




Glad we greet you
May we meet you
Many happy hours again
May each measure
Bring you pleasure
Banishing both grief and pain
May each vision
Prove elysian
So this song shall not prove vain

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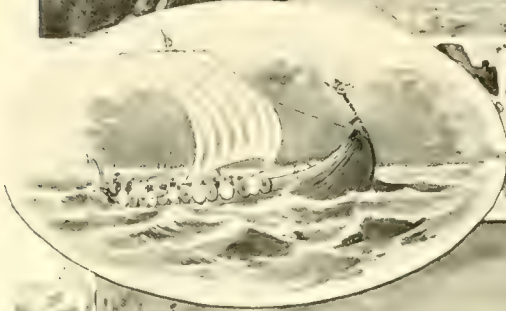
It has gone in all its glory.
Greatest of the fair and grand -
But twill live in song and story,
Mid the memories of our land.



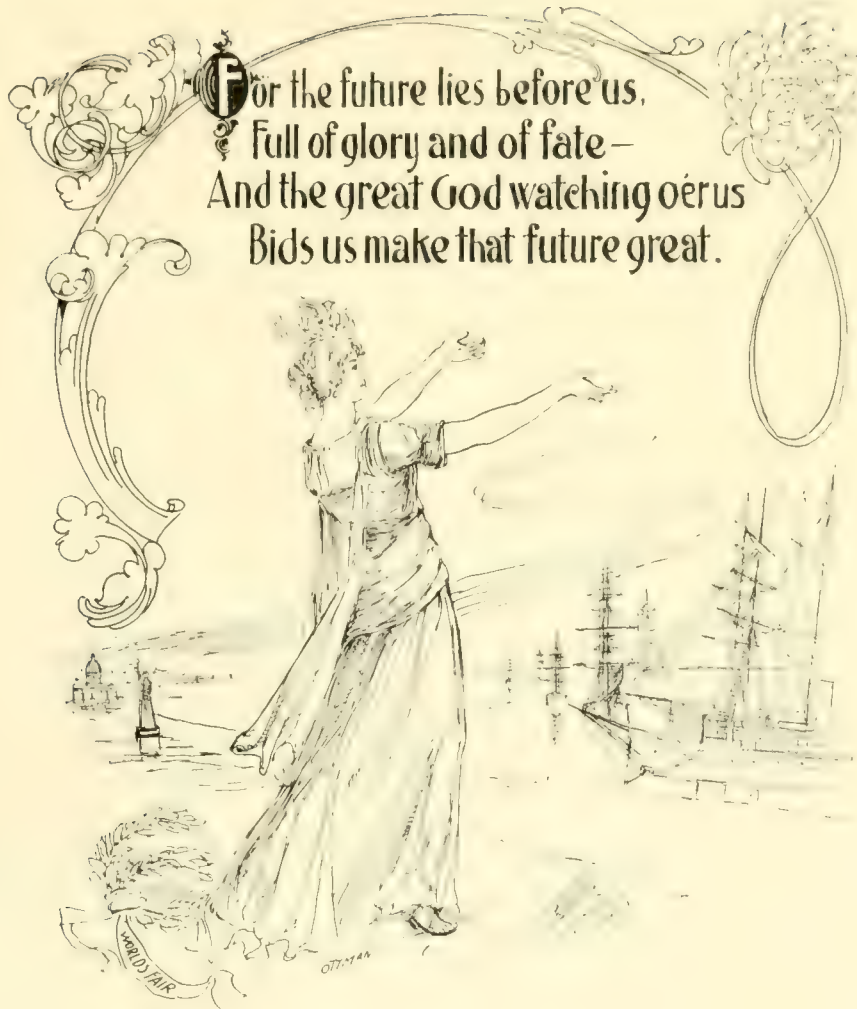








For the future lies before us,
Full of glory and of fate—
And the great God watching o'er us
Bids us make that future great.



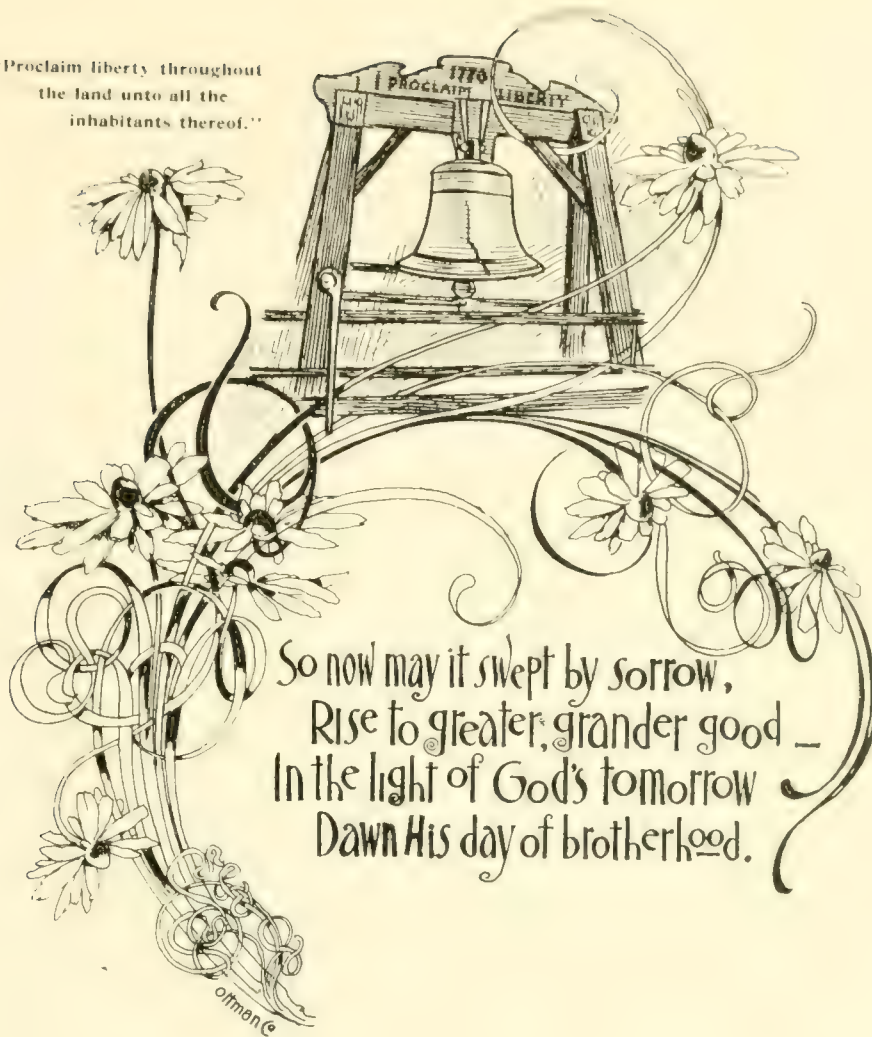




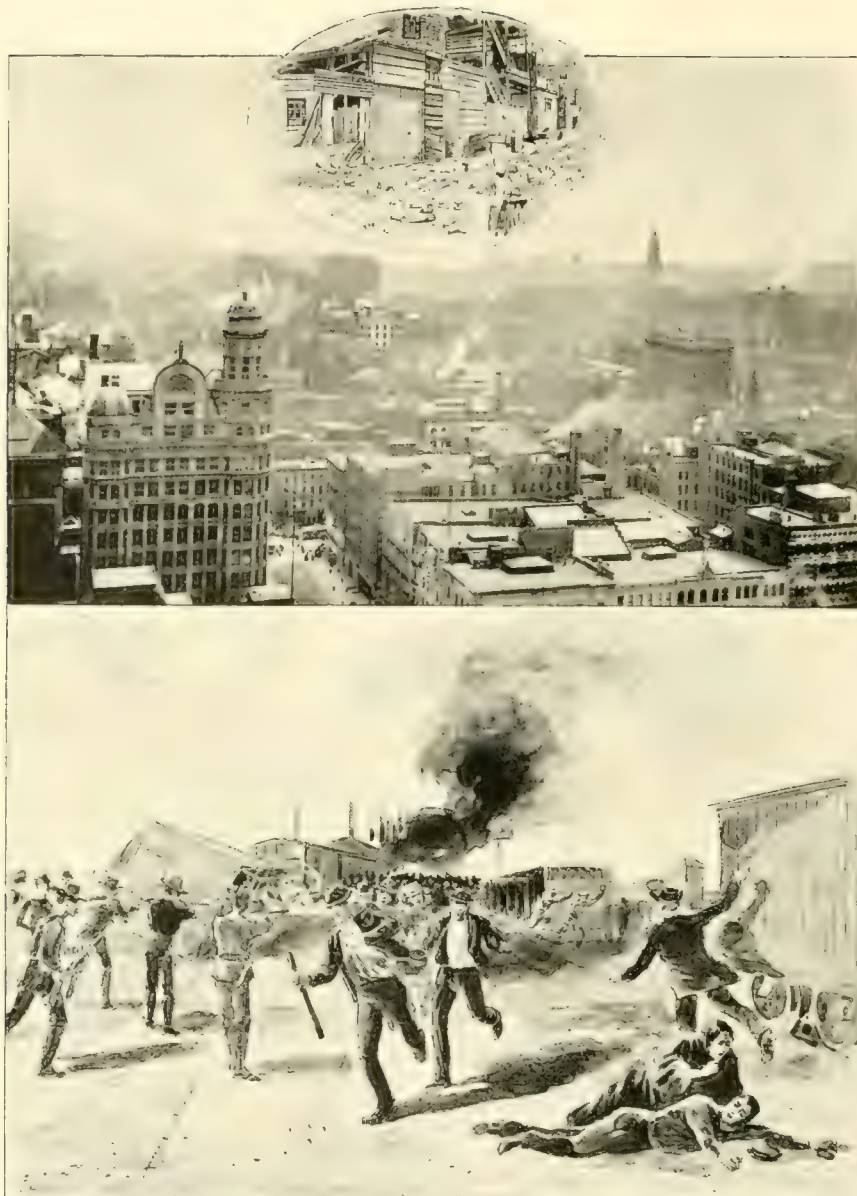
When the world beheld with pity,
As the fiery cyclone's flame,
Swept across our smitten city—
Then began its greater fame.

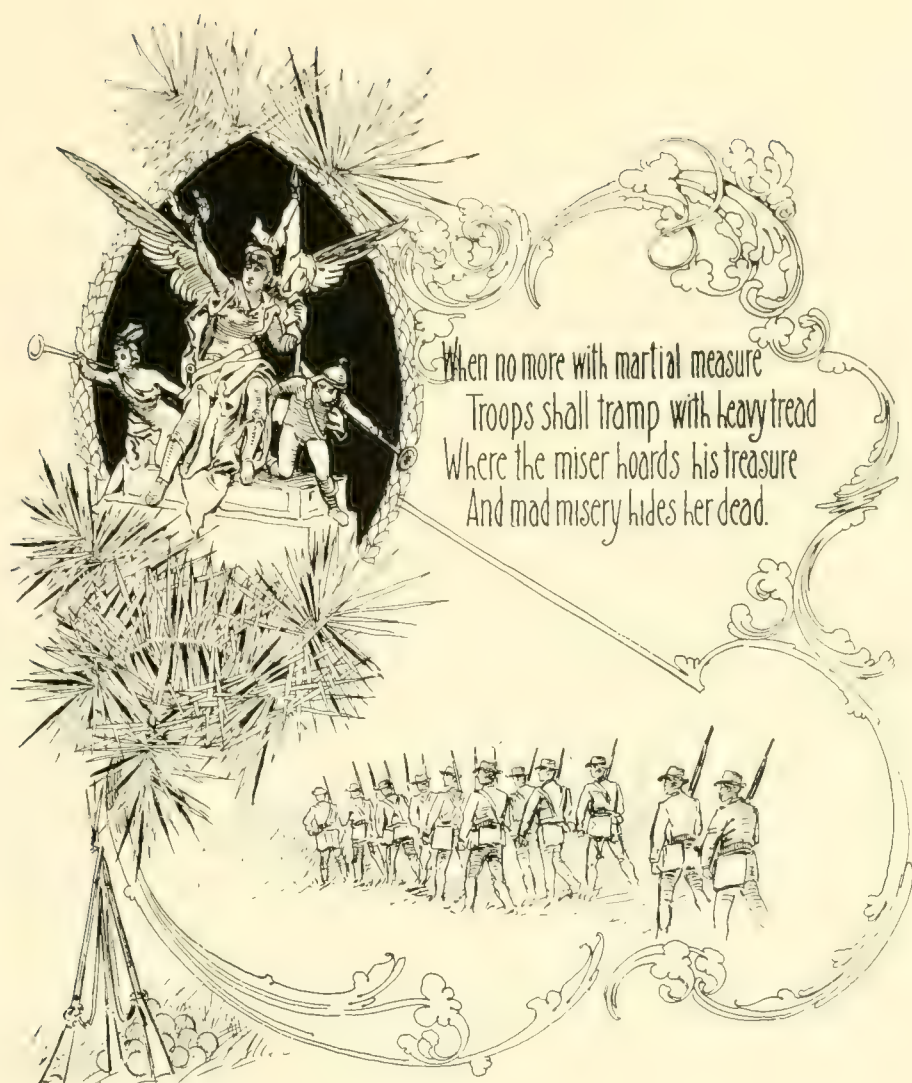


"Proclaim liberty throughout
the land unto all the
inhabitants thereof."



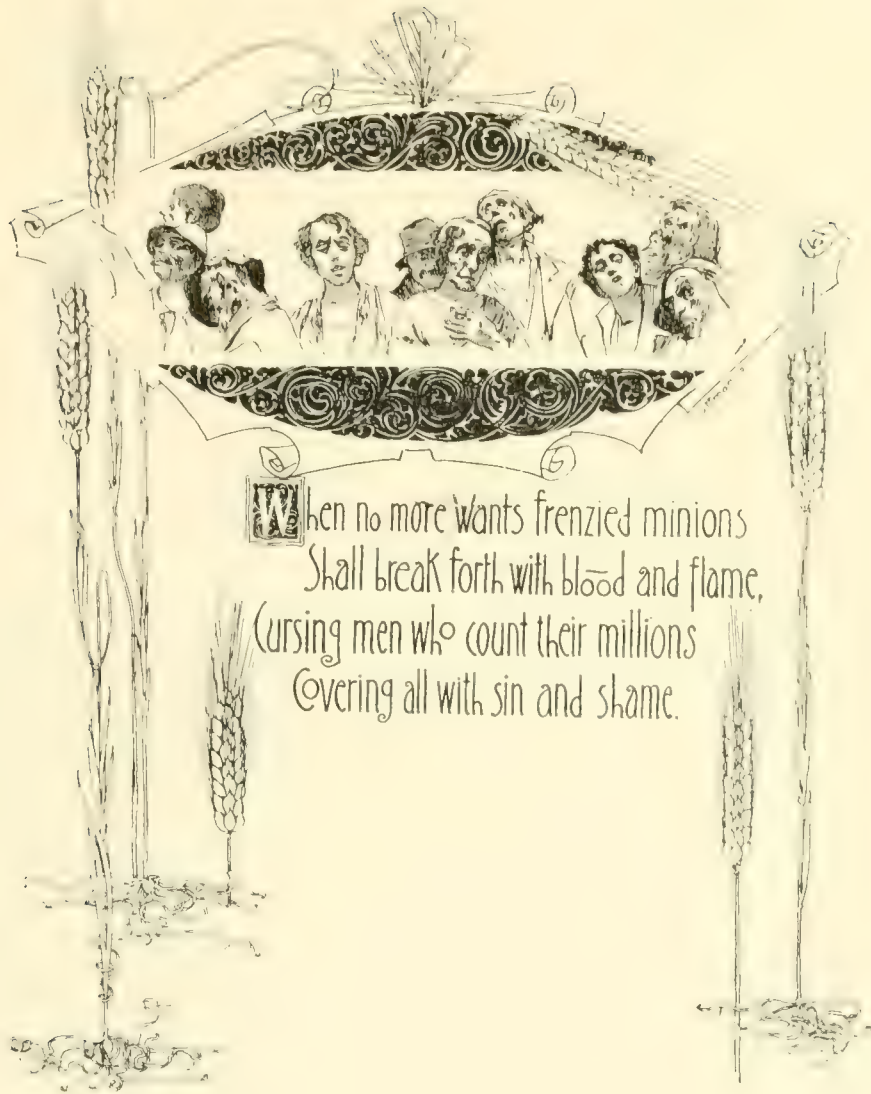
So now may it swept by sorrow,
Rise to greater, grander good —
In the light of God's tomorrow
Dawn His day of brotherhood.





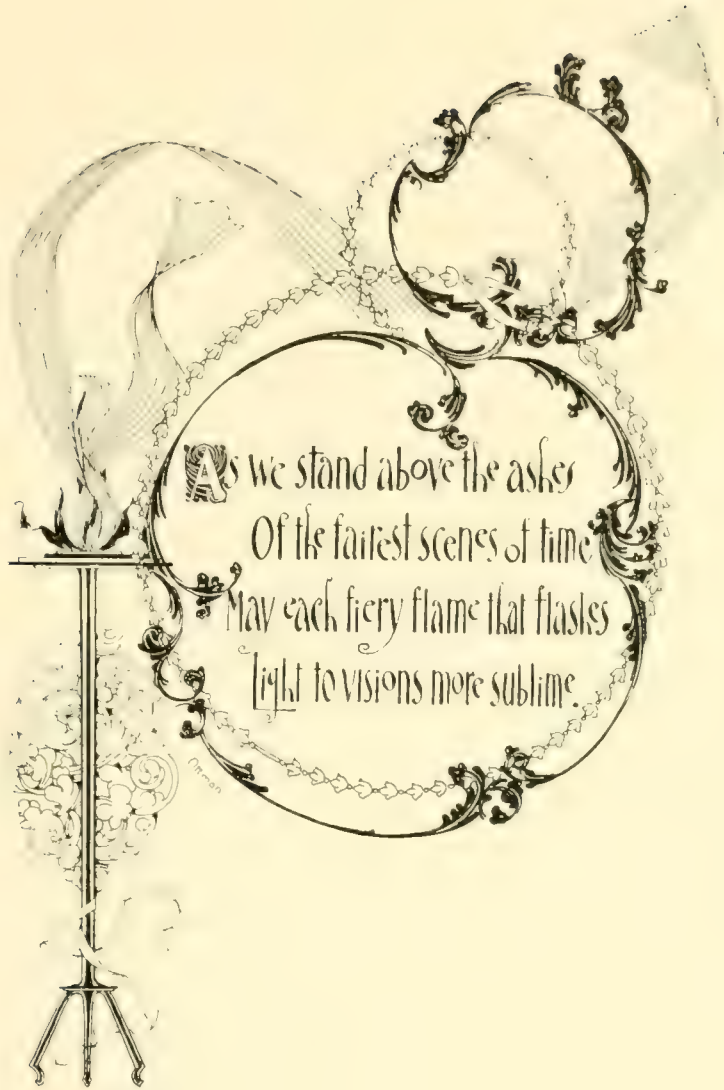
When no more with martial measure
Troops shall tramp with heavy tread
Where the miser hoards his treasure
And mad misery hides her dead.



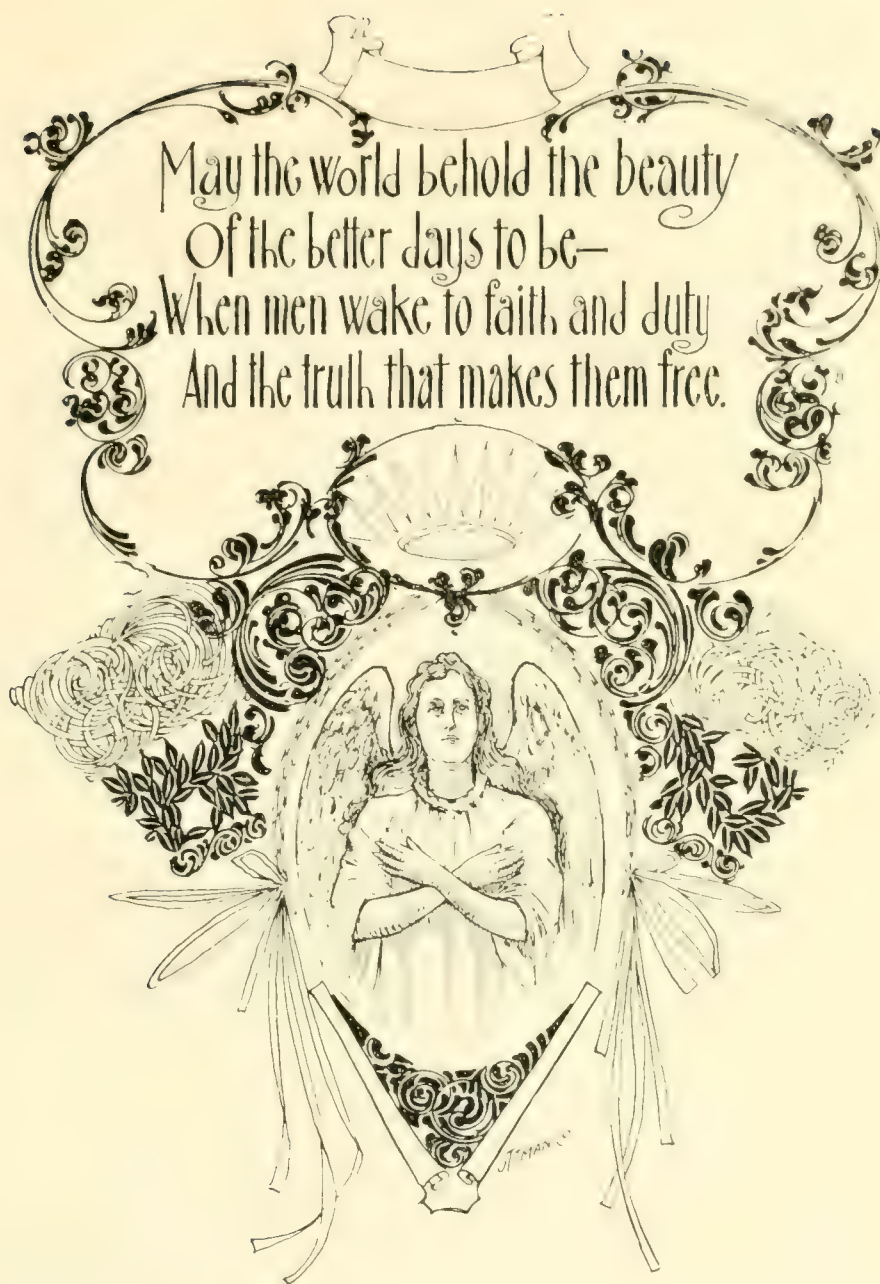


When no more wants frenzied minions
Shall break forth with blood and flame,
Cursing men who count their millions
Covering all with sin and shame.

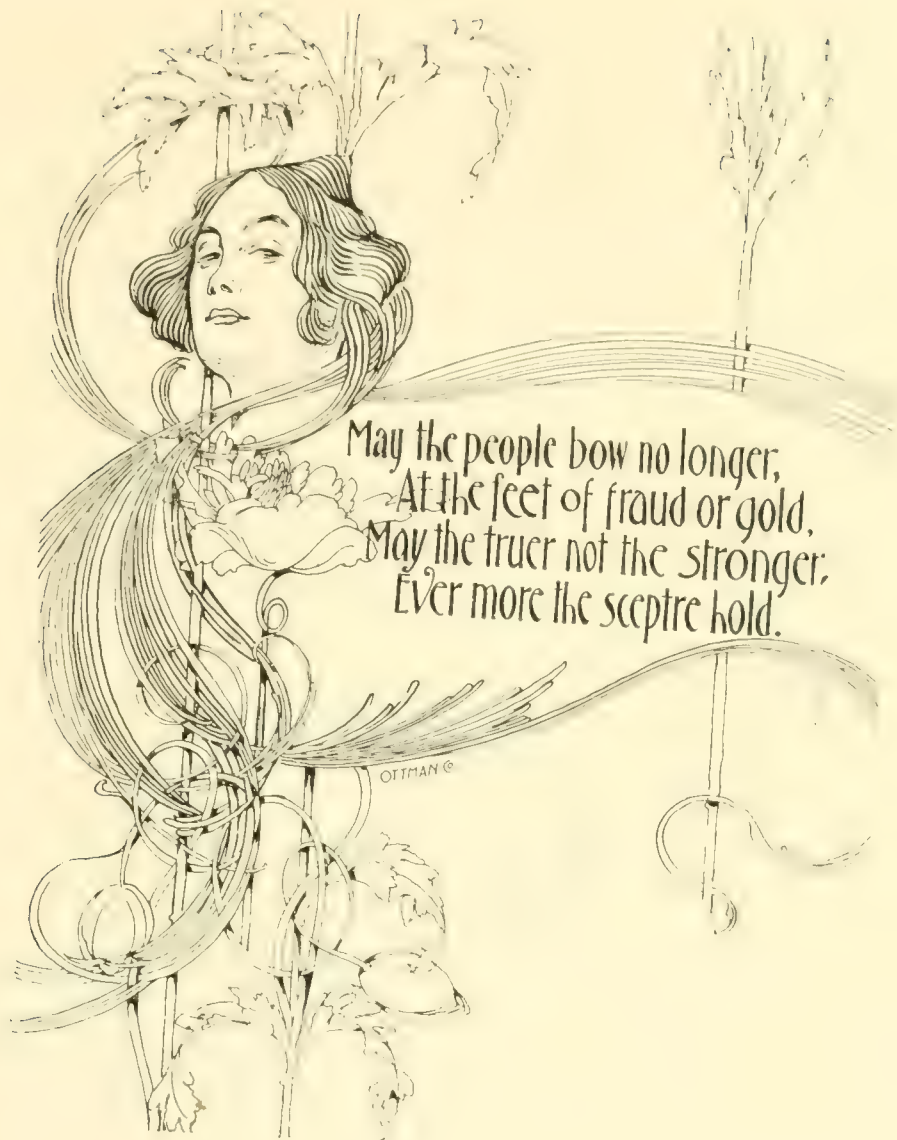




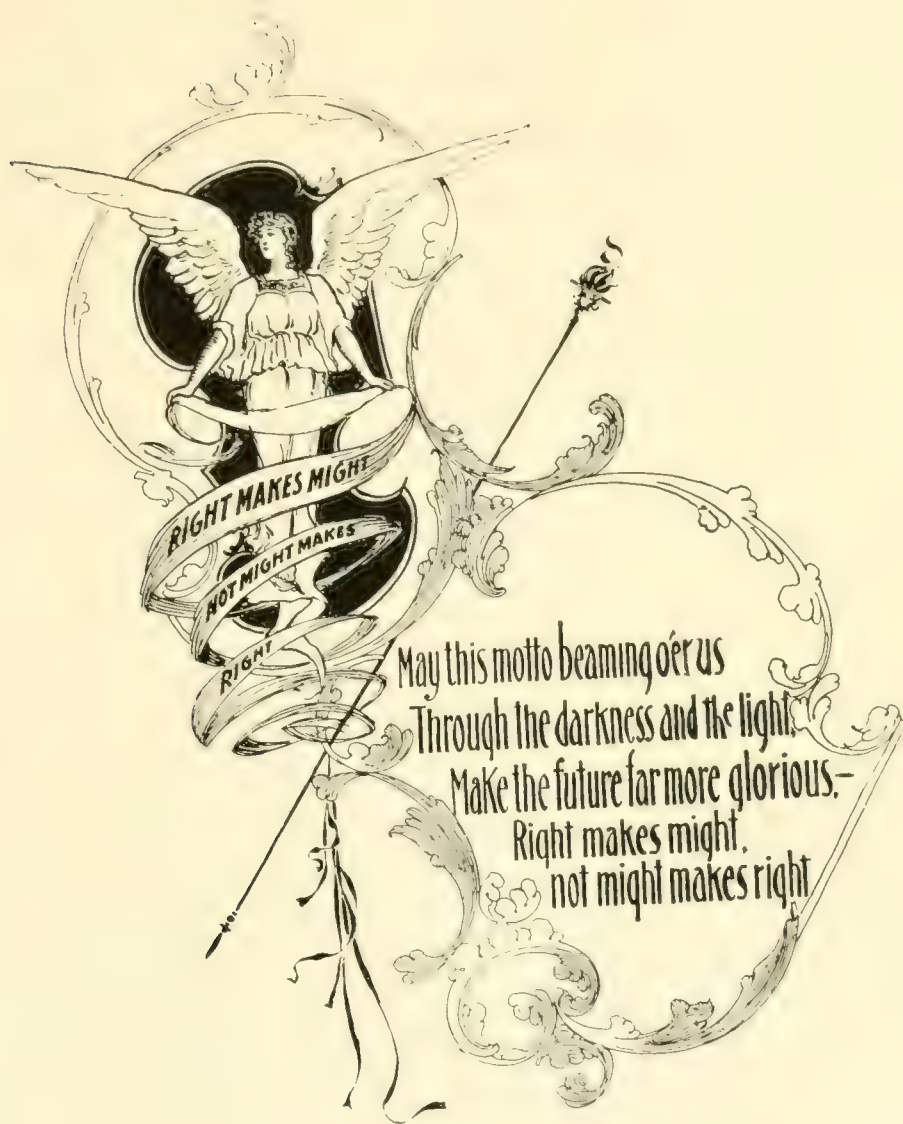




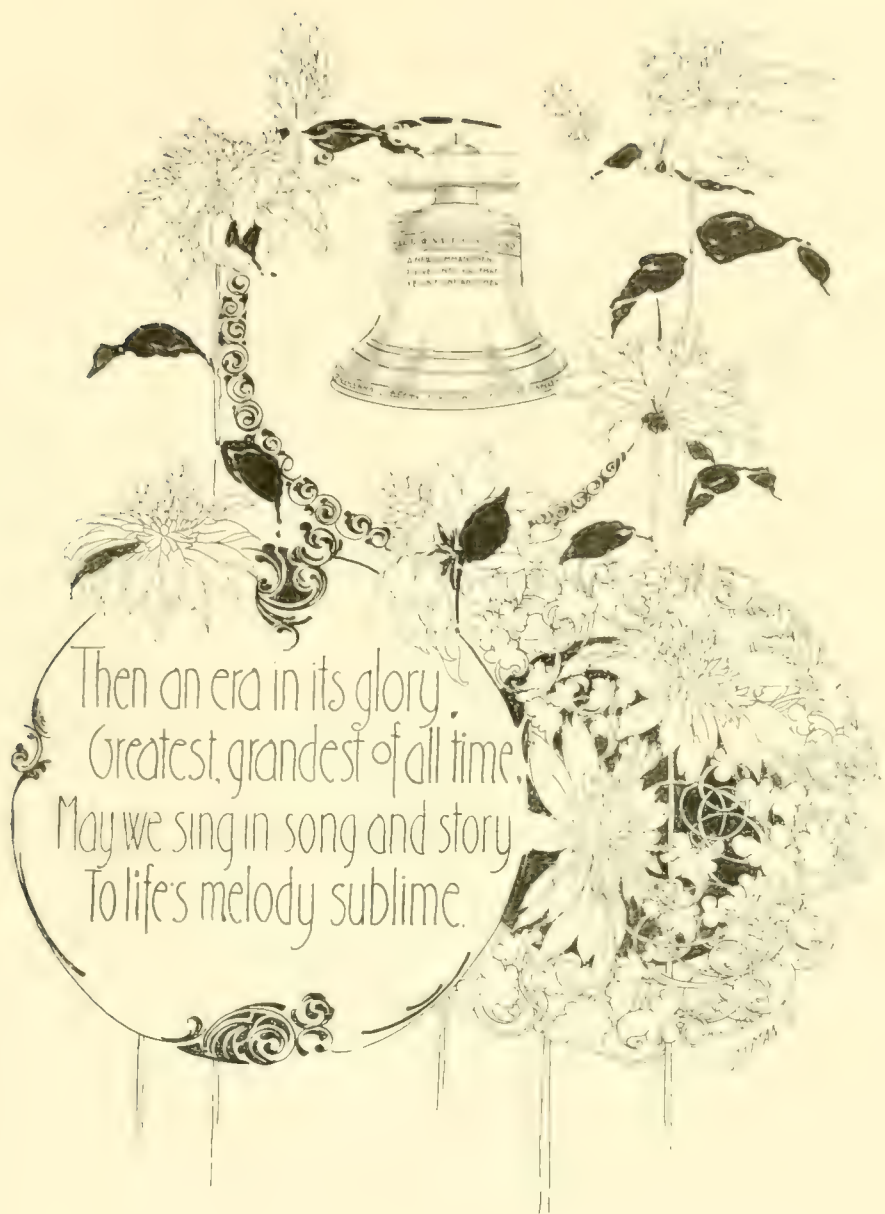










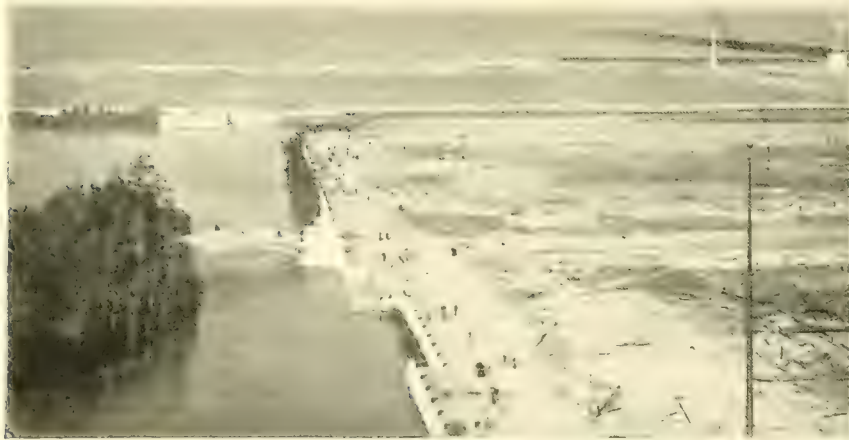
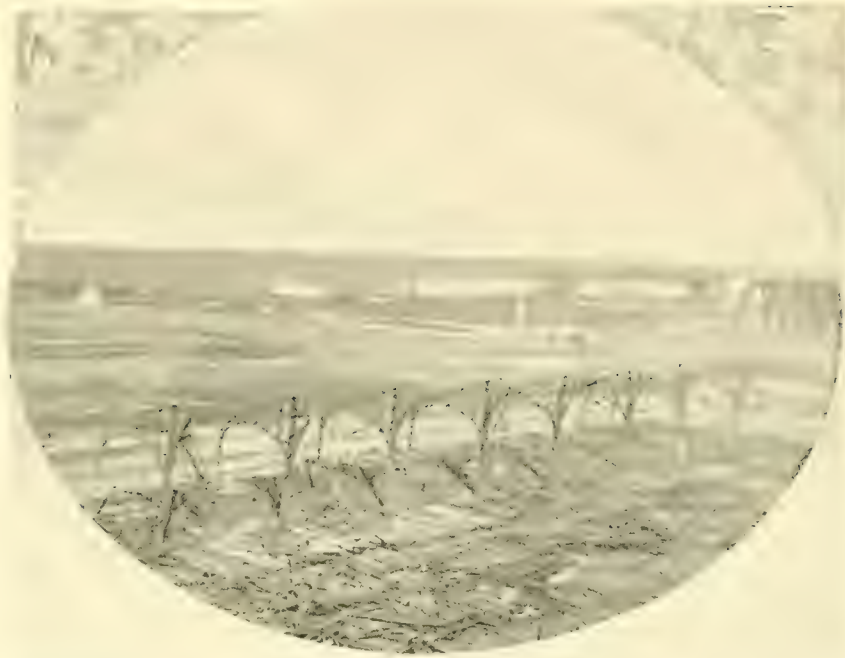


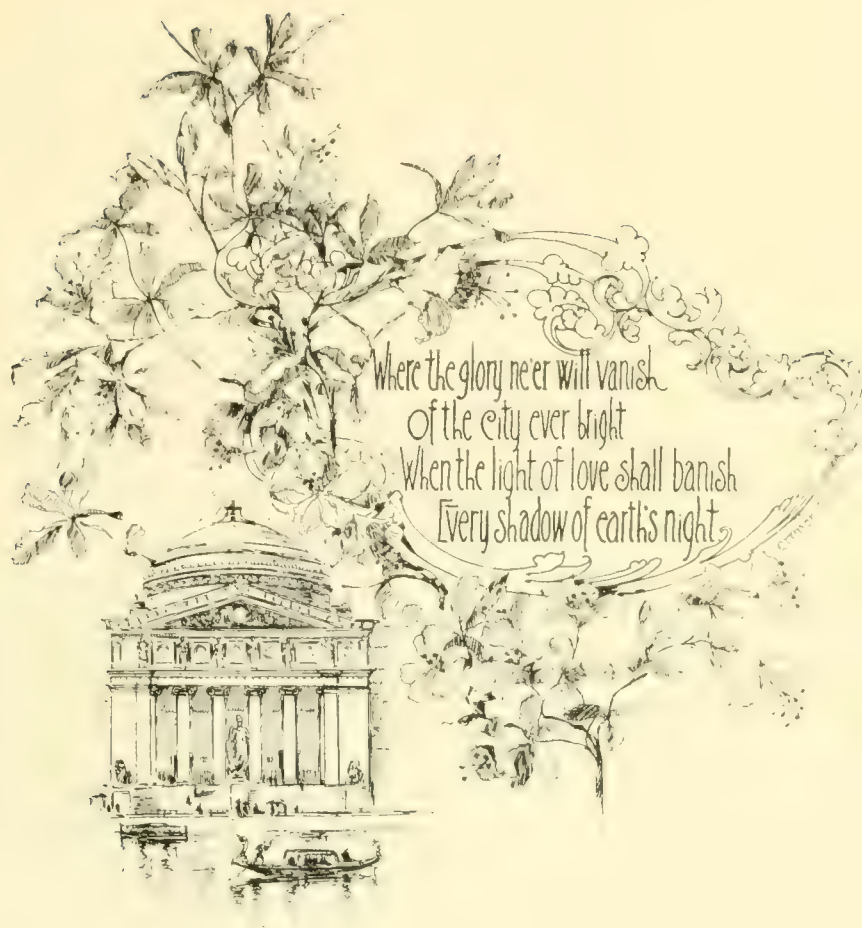




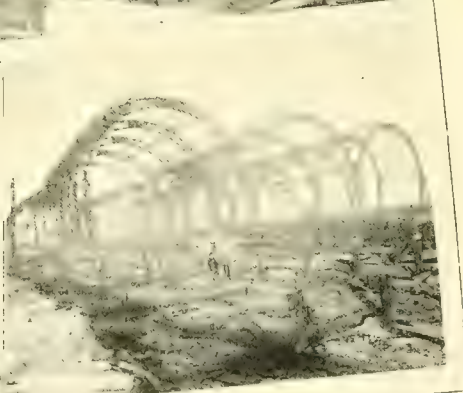
And at last through Heaven's fair portal
By the path the Saviour trod
In the realms of the immortal
May we reach the throne of God.

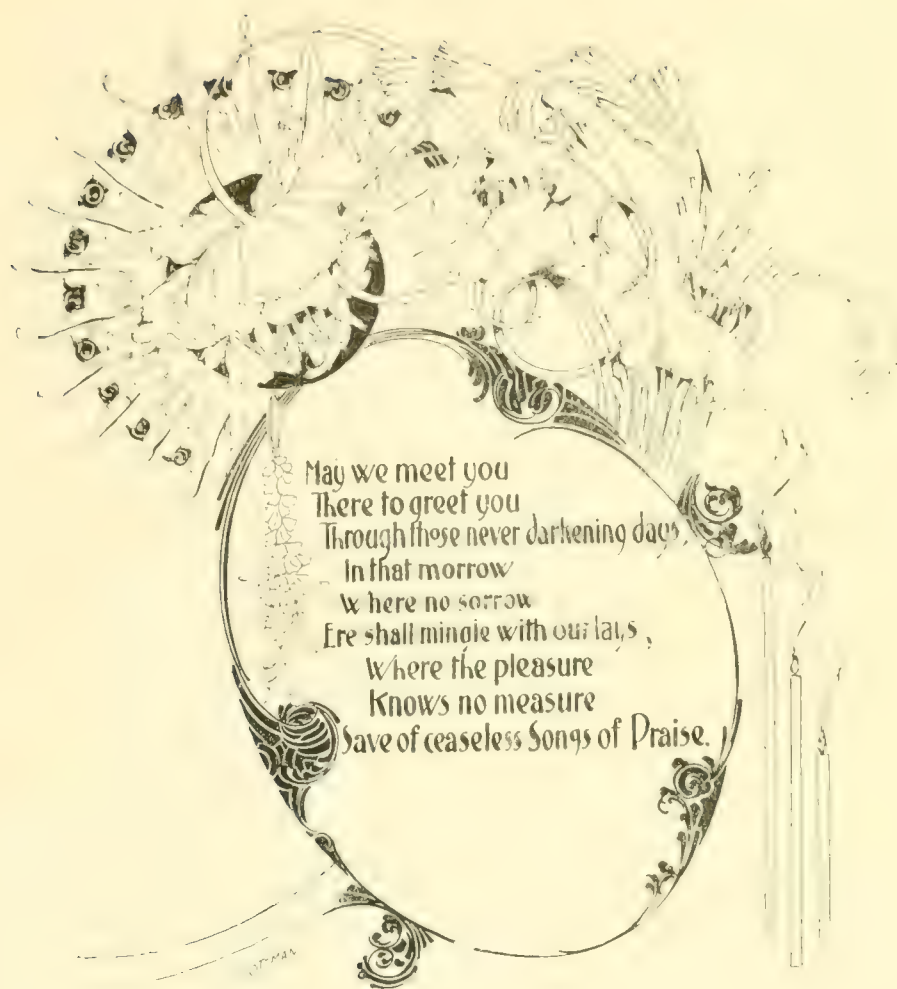
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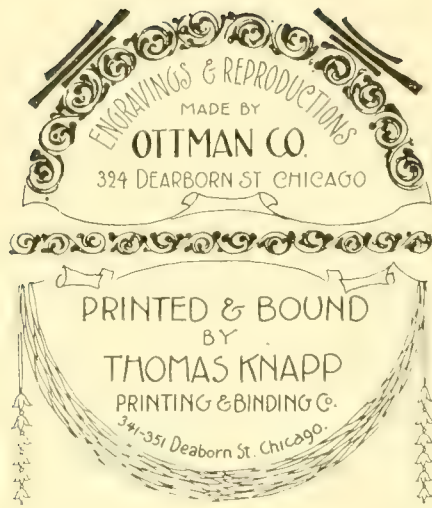


Where the glory ne'er will vanish
Of the city ever bright
When the light of love shall banish
Every shadow of earth's night



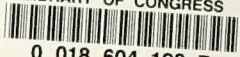


May we meet you
There to greet you
Through those never darkening days,
In that morrow
Where no sorrow
Ere shall mingle with our lays,
Where the pleasure
Knows no measure
Save of ceaseless Songs of Praise.





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